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Application of

Applicant : Guru Subramanyam et al
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action, mailed January 14, 2009, notifying applicant that claims 43-75 presently pending in the application are subject to an election requirement.

In the Office Action, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner required restriction between:

Group I: Claims 74-75, drawn to a method; and

Group II: Claims 43-73, drawn to a device.

In addition, the Examiner required the election of a single one of the following Examiner identified species if the Applicants elected Group II:

Species I: claims 44-54, 59 and 60;

Species II: claims 55-58;

Species III: claims 61-64;

Species IV: claims 65-69; and

Species V: claims 70-73.

In response to the election/restrictions requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to have the invention identified by the Examiner as Group II and Species I. Applicants believe that claims 43-73 read on the elected invention, and claims 43-54, 59 and 60 read on the elected species.

CONCLUSION

Applicants note the Examiner's indication that claim 43 is generic. If held allowable, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of all non-elected claims upon the allowance of elected claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that, the currently pending claims represent allowable subject matter. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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